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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—
Fair and warmer.

"AN ANCHOR TO WINDWARD."

If the vital statistics of Astoria were but kept in legal perpetuity, as they should be, the flattering demonstration would not be long wanting to prove her possessed of the biggest lot of handsome, healthy, intelligent children of any city of her size in the state. They actually swarm here; the fact of the matter is, they are so numerous as to make the ordinary Astorian unmindful of the potent credit of their existence. She has indeed cast "an anchor to windward" in the accumulation of such a host of bright and presentable youngsters, and if she but nurtures them as is fit and right she should, for their sakes and her own, her future will be safe and doubly assured.

The children we have with us always, thanks be! If it were not for them and the duties and responsibilities they impose, this would be a sorry world. They will never know, until the long and grievous years have taught them the bitter lessons of life, how great an influence for good, for comfort and for peace among men, they wield. Their ascendancy is incalculable, though rarely recognized, except in the most indirect fashion; and it pays to stop and consider this prestige once in a while; every man is better for it, if he can bring himself to understand the virtue of his child's sway upon his life; the things he might have done, and said, and thought, had it not been for the gentle, unconscious actuating negative their existence interposed; the things he has done, and said and thought and borne, because they lived and dwelt close to his heart and their welfare was the one manifest power that made for patience and success. We do not consider the little people enough, in the broader sense of life's best motives, and to do so carries its reward, large, and instant, to every man who will indulge an hour in this behalf.

WHY NOT OREGON?

The fish commission of the State of Oregon is an immensely responsible agency in the perpetuation of one of her leading industries, and to do its whole duty by the people engaged in that department as well as to those whose time and money are engaged in the enterprise, no single utility should be denied the officers who discharge the functions of the commission; and this is particularly true of the river service on the Columbia. To cover this field, in all the varied detail of the business the commissioner and his deputies should have a strong, swift, light-draft motor launch, from which nothing that floats could get away. That we have not such a paramount convenience here is owing to a cheap "gallery play" on the part of the governor, who vetoed the bill providing for such equipment, last winter; and who will, in all probability, have an opportunity to repeat the folly next spring. The State of Washington maintains a fine launch in this service and it is of incalculable value in more ways than one, and has paid for itself time and again in the mere matter of local fares it has saved to the state and her officers in their constant moving about over the water ways under jurisdiction. The Dominion government maintains a

score of such launches in the Fraser river fisheries; in fact, they are everywhere employed successfully and economically, saving in the tremendous fishery of Oregon. Why not here?

A PITIFUL FIGURE.

At three score years and ten, with all the good he has done in the long years behind him discredited and disallowed in the face of his present wretched complication, Captain Ormsby, sits in the federal tribunal at Portland, undone, disgraced, forlorn; looking with bitterness upon the wasted faith that inspired him to merge his personality and prospects in life, in the career of Binger Herman. There is no man in all Oregon will gainsay the old man's claim to all the leniency the government shall show him. The very title he bears he won in the early battle of Oregon against the savages that had to be displaced to make room for the hardy pioneers of the state, and there are those who will not forget the virtue of those days when he was a man among men and a leader to boot! Such spectacles as this but intensify the volume of disgrace under which the state is writhing, and teach her citizens the lesson of forbearance in behalf of those who have fallen from the high places.

"PRESIDENT PALMA, PRISONER!"

That is Cuba for you! That is the peculiar and essential product of a Latin republic. Nothing else could have been expected, and to those who know, nothing else was looked for. The United States will be up against just such propositions as this, as the sponsor for the little "Jim Crow" government, so long as she remains guarantor for it. The only way out of a bad mess is to take over the bumptious island, revolutionists and all, and run it "for keeps." Imagine a despatch greeting the American citizen, over his morning coffee, to the effect, "President Roosevelt a prisoner!"

HOW UNCLE SAM LEVIES TAXES.

One striking feature of the internal revenue laws is that they never look to quality or value, but always to quantity. The tax on 1000 cigars is \$3, no matter whether they are "Pittsburg stogies" or the Key West brand whose retail value is, say, 25 cents each. The tax on a "Pittsburg stogie" is about one-fifth of the retail value; it is less than one-eighth the value of the Key West cigar. The country plow-boy who comes to town Saturday afternoon and invests 5 cents in a package containing three "Old Virginia Cheroots" pays as much tax into the treasury of the United States in making his purchase as does the fellow that buys three cigars for a dollar. The tax on the cheapest, "twist tobacco" is six cent a pound, it is the same on the best grade of fine cut. On a barrel of "common beer" worth four dollars the tax is 1; on a barrel of the best grade of ale, porter or beer worth \$12 the tax is still \$1. The man who buys a quart of Georgia corn whiskey for 50 cents pays 22½ cents for the whisky and 27½ cents tax. A quart of 8-year-old Kentucky bourbon, worth at retail \$1.50, has paid but 27½ cents tax, the other dollar and twenty-five cents and one-half being the value of the goods over and above the tax. The negro frequenter of the New Orleans "honky-tonk" pays as much tax to the government in the purchase price of the "booze" consumed by him in a night of wild debauch as does the swellest New York millionaire in an evening spent at his club.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Each senator of the United States receives an annual salary of \$5000. In addition he has an allowance of \$125 a year for stationery and 20 cents a mile once a session to cover his expenses in coming to and returning home from the national capital. He may send his messages by mail or telegraph at the expense of the government. His printing is done at cost. His hair is trimmed, his beard shaved, his shoes shined, and his newspapers and mineral water furnished from the pocket of a generous Uncle Sam.

Lumber required to supply railroad ties is enormous, and the timber land is stripped continually to meet the demand, and it is estimated that 200,000 acres of forest are cut annually to supply the railroads with ties that won't last more than five years and have to be constantly renewed. This is a great expense, and many of the railroads who have many acres of land contingent to the beds have planted trees and estimate that in 20 years they will have a sufficient quantity of their own timber for an inexhaustible supply for future needs.

You hear people every day asking whether there is any prospect of a revolution in Russia, or when the revolution

is expected to begin. They are mindful of the fact that it has been going on for 20 years or more, guided by unconscious leaders, and at times arrested in its progress. But the advance has been continuous, although the people and the government were not aware of the fact until the outbreaks of violence that have occurred within the last year awakened them to a realization of the changes that have taken place in this empire.

The wanton destruction of timber in this country in the past, is now being exemplified by the importation of 1,500,000 railroad ties from Japan. The price to be paid on this contract is 56 cents each, including the tariff tax of 1 cent a cubic foot, or 8 to 15 cents on each railroad tie. The price asked for American grown ties on the Pacific Coast is said to be 75 cents each, so the tariff tax will have to be increased at least 19 cents more per tie to protect our lumbermen from the pauper labor of Japan. Here is something for the protectionists to act upon instead of supinely standing pat and letting the pauper foreigner undersell the American product. Then, too, if the tariff duty on timber was increased it would hasten the denudation of our forests, which the protection system evidently desires, by placing obstacles on the importation of foreign lumber. It is hardly necessary to say that the more costly ties and rails can be made, the higher our freight rates are bound to be.

Day after day The Astorian Want Columns show a procession of opportunities—opportunities to buy, to sell, to lease, to hire, to find people to work for, to find boarders, lodgers, tenants, or parties. The want ad opportunities touch almost all phases of life and living in the city.

FOR THE BABY SHOW.

The ladies having in charge the Baby Show for the Regatta wish to announce that they are ready to receive applications for babies from 6 months to two years of age, and desire to have the names sent in as soon as possible in order to make arrangements for space. A number of handsome prizes will be given. A postal addressed to Baby Show Committee, Regatta Headquarters, will be sufficient. There will be no entrance fee at all. The show will be held in the Hess Restaurant room on Eleventh street, back of Griffin's book store. t.t.

Head-On Collision.—As the A. & C. Saturday excursion-express was swinging along yesterday afternoon toward this city with its great crowd of tourists for Astoria and the Oregon beaches, and just as it was rounding a curve near Clifton, a hand-car was observed on the rails, and too close to avoid striking it, though the section-boss did his utmost to reach a spot where the car might be derailed without having to be sent down a twenty-foot embankment; but even that could not be done. The men on the car sprang off of it as one individual and no one was hurt, but the hand-car was of even good chips when the locomotive got through with it, and as no lives were involved in the mess, the train was not delayed for any appreciable time.

Sure, She Will!—Astoria will enjoy its twelfth annual regatta on the last two days of this month and the first day of September, being Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. This water festival at the mouth of the Columbia is always a season of great pleasure and the citizens of Astoria spare no pains or expense to make their guests happy and comfortable.—Salem Statesman.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore arrived in from Tillamook yesterday morning with a fair list of passengers and a hold full of good Tillamook cheese. The reports from there indicate that the Tillamook Fair and Carnival is a magnificent success, and the town overflowing with delighted visitors. U. S. Senator Fulton was a homing passenger on the Elmore, and was delighted with his trip and reception. Tillamook is doing herself proud.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

J. W. Cowan of Portland is registered at the Occident.

W. Butterworth of Gearhart Park, spent the day in Astoria yesterday.

H. Hendrixon of Seattle was a visitor on the streets of Astoria, yesterday.

Frank Brewster came down from Portland on the noon train yesterday.

I. H. Amos of Portland was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

C. E. Corey came down from the metropolis yesterday on a business trip.

Mrs. I. S. Slade departed last evening for a month's visit with friends and relatives at Gaston, Oregon.

William Reid of Portland was numbered among the hundreds alighting from the noon train yesterday.

J. H. Olsen of Portland was among the business tourists flocking here yesterday.

J. M. Haywood of Portland was doing business in this city yesterday, and was registered at the Occident.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Murphy of the metropolis were registered at the Occident last evening.

T. W. Hall of Portland arrived here yesterday on the noon train for an over Sunday outing.

T. H. Grierson of New York was among the big batch of tourists arriving in this city yesterday. He is quartered at the Occident.

Jules Clerfayt, the general traveling passenger agent of the Hamburg-American line of steamers, is in the city, and domiciled at the Occident.

W. S. Baettie, of the firm of Baettie & Hoffman, of Portland, was in the city last evening to Seaside for an over-Sunday trip.

W. W. Bolan of Portland was among the pleased tourists in and about Astoria yesterday, and is a guest at the Occident.

Manager Humphries of the Postal Telegraph Office, has returned from a two weeks trip to Carson's Springs. Mrs. Humphries accompanied him.

I. C. Sutton, of Salem, arrived in the city yesterday, on a two-weeks' visit with his son, Oak Sutton, of the Astorian force.

C. H. Humphrey arrived home yesterday from Carson Springs where he has been rusticated for the past two weeks, much to the improvement of his appetite. Mrs. Humphrey will remain there for at least another month.

C. F. Gilbert of Mt. Hood, proprietor of the Mt. Hood Hotel, one of the big and popular resorts of the state, is in the city on an outing. He will go to Seaside this morning for a little relaxation, and return to this city to indulge in the pleasures of the regatta.

Captain T. H. Bell arrived here yesterday from South Bend, and will take the launch Daphne, which has been in the employ of the Tallant-Grant Packing Company, back to South Bend. He will probably leave today.

Mrs. O. B. Estes and her daughter, Miss Hazel Estes, returned home on the Portland special last evening, from Mount Hood, where they have enjoyed a delightful outing at Cloud Cap Inn, the famous and beautiful hostery 6000 feet above the common levels. Miss Estes is greatly improved in health, and both are anticipating much pleasure from the regatta season.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Higgins and Mrs. D. K. Warren, returned yesterday from a delightful two weeks' outing at Cannon Beach. Mr. Higgins express himself as thoroughly rested up, and wholly pleased with the beach and its attractions.

Mrs. W. S. Rush, nee Miss Madge Sovey, will return to the city today on the noon express, accompanied by her brother, L. M. Sovey, who went up last night to meet her. Mr. Rush is enjoying a hunting trip in the coast counties and will re-join her here during the regatta.

Mrs. P. A. Stokes, who went to Portland to meet and greet her daughter, Miss Grace Stokes on the latter's arrival from New York, where, for the past 10 months she has been visiting friends, returned yesterday on the noon express, accompanied by her daughter.

A. M. Hagen, formerly of National Lumber & Box Company of Hoquiam, Wash., arrived in the city yesterday and will make Astoria his home in the future. Mr. Hagen has secured an interest in the Central Door & Lumber Company's plant here and will assume the management of that concern immediately. He is one of the most experienced millmen and lumbermen in the Northwest.

Judge J. C. Moreland of Portland passed through the city yesterday, on the noon express, to Seaside, where his family is domiciled for the season. He is enthusiastic over the prospects that Astoria now enjoys for quick development by virtue of the railway activity tending in this direction and does not hesitate to prophesy much good for the city in the near future, if the Gould system ever connects with the Hammond properties.

ARE YOU GOING TO PAINT THIS FALL

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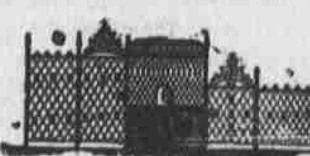
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